



100 Years Later...Two Sacramento Area Museums Celebrate Women Achieving Full Voting Rights in California With Rolling *We Won the Vote!* Exhibition

Sacramento History Museum Officially Unveils Exhibition on June 16; Moves to State Capitol Museum on October 1

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (May 12, 2011) – Nearly 100 years ago in a special election on October 10, 1911, women successfully won the right to vote in California. Now, two museums in Sacramento will celebrate the hard-earned victory for full voting rights for women with the compelling exhibition *We Won the Vote! 100 Years of Equal Suffrage in California*.

Produced jointly by The Center for Sacramento History and California State Parks, the exhibition will officially premiere at the Sacramento History Museum in Old Sacramento on Friday, June 16, 2011. After a three-month display period at the Sacramento History Museum, the exhibition will move to the State Capitol Museum (located inside the State Capitol building) with an opening on October 1, 2011. The *We Won the Vote!* exhibition will remain at the State Capitol Museum through September 30, 2012.

The *We Won the Vote!* exhibition will showcase interactive displays, historical photographs, period campaign materials, clothing worn during the campaign, and oral histories designed to guide guests through the tumultuous history of the movement that resulted in a successful resolution in 1911. The Capital City was the stage where legislative and lobbying efforts culminated 100 years ago amid changing political, economic and social conditions. Triumphs in the West and in California -- the sixth western state to grant women the right to vote -- helped to build much needed electoral power and political support in the nation's capital to ensure passage of the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution that awarded women across America the right to vote in 1920.

About the Sacramento History Museum

Supported by the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation, the Sacramento History Museum is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day) and is located at 101 I Street in Old Sacramento. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$4 for youths ages 6-17 and free for children five and under. For more information, call (916) 808-7059 or visit www.historicoldsac.org.

About the California State Capitol Museum

The California State Capitol Museum is operated by California State Parks under contract to and supported by the California State Legislature. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for guided and self-guided tours of the Capitol Building and its extensive outdoor gardens, the Museum is located in the California State Capitol, in downtown Sacramento on 10th Street between L and N Streets. Admission is free. For more information, call (916) 324-0333 or visit www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov

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